envisages hike in fee at the higher levels of education to raise the quality of education in the country. However, the fee in a university is decided as per the provisions in its ordinances. As such, any hike in the fee for Delhi University Colleges has to be considered and decided by the University itself. The Government of India has no direct role in this regard, however it can facilitate the process. The facilitation role is enjoined by the National Policy.

Sanskrit Departments in Central Universities

1767. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Central Universities do not have Sanskrit Departments;

(b) if so, the names of such Universities;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is one of the oldest living languages in the world;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not promoting Sanskrit in Central Universities; and

(e) by when Sanskrit Departments are likely to be opened in all the Central Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Closure/Merger of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1768. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalayas have been closed down/merged with others in the preceding three years and more are to follow suit in the ensuing academic session;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, what are those Vidyalayas and the year-wise details of such Vidyalayas; and

(c) the detials of Kendriya Vidayalayas which are proposedly being opened during the 2000-2001 session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) Some of the Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil/ Defence Sectors have been closed/merged due to lack of requisite infrastructural facilities and student strength. Besides this, some Kendriya Vidyalayas which were opened in the campuses of Public Sector Undertakings on specific understanding and commitment that all recurring and non-recurring expenditure on these Vidyalayas would be borne by them and where the sponsors had not discharged their financial liabilities, have been closed down. In most of these cases the sponsors themselves had requested for the closure of these project schools. Details of the closed/merged Kendriya Vidyalayas during the period from 1996-97 till date are attached at statement *(see* below)

(c) There is no proposal to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas during 2000-2001 due to budgetary constraints.

Statement

Kendriya Vidyalayas closed/merged during 1996-97 to 2000-2001

Sr.No.' Name of the KV	Sector	Remarks
1996-97		Nil
1997-98		
1. Akashnagar, Bacheli. M.P.	Project	Closed
2. No. 2, OF, Katni. M.P.	Defence	Merged with KV-1.
3. NEEPCO, Yazali	Project	Closed
1998-99		
1. No. 2. HEC. Ranchi, Bihar	Project	Merged with KV-1.
1999-2000		
1. No. 2 Missamari, Assam	Defence	Merged with KV-1.
2. No. 3 Tezpur, Assam	Defence	Merged with KV-2.
3. No. 2 Bengdubi, W.B.	Defence	Merged with KV-1.
4. No. 2 Bhusawal	Civil	Merged with KV-1.
5. Jobner. Rajasthan	Civil	Closed
6. NEEPCO, Umrangso,	Project	Closed

Sr.No.	Name of the KV	Sector	Remarks
7.	No. 2, Bokaro, Bihar	Project	Closed
8.	No. 1, Khetrinagar	Project	Closed
9.	No. 2, Khetringar	Project	Closed
10.	Malanjkhand, M.P.	Project	Closed
11.	Ghatsila, Bihar	Project	Closed
12.	CCI, Adilabad	Project	*Closed
*(but functioning under Court's interim order)			
13.	Kupwara (J&K)	Defence	**Closed

**(KV was non-functional) *KVs to be closed w.e.f the commencement of the academic session 2000-2001 for which the orders have been issued.*

1.	IDPL, Rishikesh	Project	Closed
2.	BCCL, Govindpur Area	Project	Closed
3.	BCCL, Koylanagar	Project	Closed
4.	BCCL, Bhuli Township	Project	Closed
5.	BCCL, Dugdha	Project	Closed
6.	Yerraguntla	Project	Closed
7.	ITI, Mankapur	Project	Closed
8.	No. 2 Khamaria	Civil	Merged with KV-2GCF, Jabalpur

Qualifications for MBBS/BDS entrance examinations

1769. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi University and CBSE have prescribed one qualification for MBBS/BDS entrance examination as appeared/ passed 12th Class Examination from recognised schools, conducting regular classes;

(b) whether CBSE allows 12th failed students to re-appear privately in successive years;

(c) if so, whether such students re-appearing privately are eligible for entrance examinations, having attended school regularly upto plus two stage in preceding years; if not, the reasons for the anomaly and the steps proposed to remove the same; and